

HOUSE BILL 236

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to the length of time that
Tennessee HOPE scholarship recipients may
receive the scholarship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-913, is amended by deleting the
section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Except as set forth in subsection (b) and §§ 49-4-918 and 49-4-919, a
student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the first of the following
events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of
one hundred twenty (120) semester hours; provided, however, that under this
subdivision no scholarship shall be terminated unless the student has been
enrolled full-time for more than four (4) academic years; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial
enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

(b) A student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more
than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length is eligible to receive a
Tennessee HOPE scholarship until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of
one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours; provided, however, that under this
subdivision no scholarship shall be terminated unless the student has been

enrolled full-time, or the part-time equivalent, for more than four (4) academic years; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-919(a)(2), is amended by deleting the punctuation and word "; or" and substituting instead the following:

; provided, however, that under this subdivision no scholarship shall be terminated unless the student has been enrolled full-time, or the part-time equivalent, for more than four (4) academic years; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920, is amended by deleting subsection (f) and substituting instead the following:

(f) A student may receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship after having received a Tennessee HOPE access grant until the first of the following events:

(1) The student has earned a baccalaureate degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of one hundred twenty (120) semester hours, or if the student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program required to be more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours in length, one hundred thirty-six (136) semester hours; provided, however, that under this subdivision no scholarship shall be terminated unless the student has been enrolled full-time, or the part-time equivalent, for more than four (4) academic years; or

(3) Five (5) years have passed from the date of the student's initial enrollment at any postsecondary institution.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

